

Clinical Practice Advisories: January 2011- December 2011

Board Advisory Date:	
<p><u>February 17, 2011</u></p> <p>Reconsideration of the December 16, 2010 re: Implantation of insertable cardiac monitors</p>	<p>Question: Is it within the APRN scope of practice to implant insertable cardiac monitors, also called internal loop recorders?</p> <p>Answer: Board consensus that it is within the scope of APRN practice to implant insertable cardiac monitors, as long as the APRN has the documented education, skills and competencies to do so. Additionally there needs to be a facility policy that supports this practice.</p>
<p><u>March 17, 2011</u></p> <p>LNA infusion of tube feedings via a pump (update of board opinion dated Fall 2000)</p> <p>RN scope of practice regarding C-arm</p> <p>RN scope of practice regarding application of neuro-monitoring percutaneous needles and operating neuro-monitoring equipment</p>	<p>Question: Can an LNA administer tube feedings via pump?</p> <p>Answer: Board consensus that it is within the scope of practice of an LNA to administer tube feedings via pump, provided the LNA had the education, skills and documented competencies to do so. Additionally there needs to be a facility policy that supports this practice.</p> <p>Question: Is it within the scope of practice of an RN to compress pedal of C-arm under direct supervision of the provider.</p> <p>Answer: Board consensus that it is not within the scope of practice of an RN to compress the C-arm pedal.</p> <p>Question: Is it within the RN's scope of practice to apply neuro-monitoring percutaneous needles and/or to operate neuro-monitoring equipment during a procedure, in the operating room?</p> <p>Answer: Board consensus that it is not within RN scope of practice to apply neuro-monitoring percutaneous needles, to operate neuro-monitoring equipment, or to interpret signals. It is within the RN scope of practice to push the reset button under the direction of the surgeon.</p>
<p><u>April 21, 2011</u></p> <p>LNA scope of practice to deliver OTC medication in home setting</p>	<p>Question: Would the Board consider an exemption process that could be available unique circumstances in which a law is prohibiting safe delivery of an over-the-counter medication to</p>

<p>RNFA scope of practice to insert secondary trocars</p>	<p>a minor at home by an LNA?</p> <p>Answer: Board reaffirmed that medication administration is not within the scope of a Licensed Nursing Assistant pursuant to RSA 326-B:14</p> <p>Question: Is it within scope of practice of RNFA to insert secondary trocars under physician supervision during laparoscopic surgery?</p> <p>Answer: Board consensus that it is within the scope of practice for RNFA to insert SECONDARY trocars under physician supervision during laparoscopic surgery provided competencies in Nur 404.12 are met and are within the policies and procedures of institution.</p>
<p><u>May 19, 2011</u></p> <p>RN scope of practice to set up patient's CPAP therapy</p> <p>LNA scope of practice to perform a urine dip</p> <p>RN scope of practice to perform a slip lamp exam</p> <p>RN scope of practice to administer IV "push" bolus doses of NMB's</p>	<p>Question: Can an RN with appropriate competencies provide education and set up a patient's CPAP therapy?</p> <p>Answer: Board consensus that this procedure is done by respiratory therapists and competent members of the public. The nursing license is not required to perform this function.</p> <p>Question: Is it within the scope of practice of the LNA to perform a urine dip with a Chem Strip and report the findings to a licensed nurse?</p> <p>Answer: Board consensus that the LNA can perform this procedure provided they have competencies and facility policies support the nursing assistant practice.</p> <p>Question: With demonstrated competence, is it within the scope of practice for an RN to perform a slit lamp exam including measuring intraocular pressure?</p> <p>Board consensus that it is not within RN scope of practice to perform this procedure. The Board further opines this is within the APRN scope of practice provided they have the competencies to perform the procedure.</p> <p>Is it within the RN scope of practice to administer IV "push" bolus doses of Neuromuscular blockage agents or paralytics?</p> <p>Board consensus that this is not within the RN scope of practice and refers to the Anesthesia/analgesia administration</p>

Pharmacy refills	<p>signs off on the refill after the medication is sent to the pharmacy?</p> <p>Answer: At its September 15, 2011 meeting, the board reaffirms its previous opinion that is not within the licensed nurses practice to refill medications without a physician's order.</p>
Wound debridement	<p>Question:</p> <p>Is it within the RN scope to perform conservative sharp debridement in a chronic wound if the RN has been trained and certified by WOCN?</p> <p>Answer: At its September 15, 2011 meeting, the board opined it is within the RN scope of practice provided the RN has the competencies to perform and facility policies support the RN practice.</p>
<u>November 17, 2011</u>	<p>Question:</p> <p>Can an RN extract Cerebral Spinal Fluid from an indwelling catheter hourly?</p> <p>Answer: The board opined at its November 17, 2011 meeting that this procedure is not within the RN scope of practice.</p>
<u>December 15, 2011</u>	<p>Question:</p> <p>"Can a LNA insert lidocaine jelly 2%?"</p> <p>Answer: The board opined at its December 15, 2011 meeting that this procedure is not within the LNA scope of practice.</p>